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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2005. Claims 20-30 and 34-40 are pending. Claims 20-30 and 34-40 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 20-30 are said to be drawn to a process of making a fastener, classified in Class 264, subclass 167;
- II. Claims 34-40 are said to be drawn to a fastener product, classified in Class 24, subclass 452;

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group I. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

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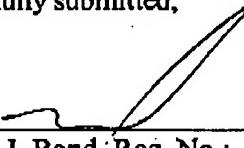
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Respectfully submitted,

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